

me finally end this by saying, No. 1, the study that is required before this program expires in 3 years requires the Secretary to discontinue the program if it is found that Medicare select: has not resulted in savings of premium costs to beneficiaries compared to non-select MediGap policies;

Second, they cannot extend it if it shows that it has resulted in significant additional expenditures for the program; or

Third, it cannot be extended if it results in the diminished access in quality of care. There are plenty of safeguards to ensure that beneficiaries are well protected. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the conference report.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the conference report on H.R. 483, the Expanded Use of Medicare Select Policies Act. While I recognize the role that the Medicare select demonstration program that currently exists in my State of Illinois and 14 other States plays, I am concerned that this legislation is being used as a cover for the draconian \$270 billion in Medicare cuts included in the budget resolution conference report that passed this body yesterday.

Under the Medicare Select Program, senior citizens on Medicare are allowed to buy private MediGap insurance policies through managed-care providers to supplement what Medicare does not cover. An important objective, but following what happened here yesterday with the GOP budget plan, Medicare select could easily become the only health care option for seniors, as Medicare is gutted, services are curtailed, and older folks have to pick up the pieces through private plans. The end result will be less access to services and higher out-of-pocket costs.

It is crystal clear to anyone watching the actions of the majority party in the 104th Congress that devastating changes to Medicare are ahead. There is rampant GOP discussions ongoing about turning Medicare into block grants for the States and based on what happened in the House welfare reform legislation to the Federal School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, I know that "block grant" is a code word for cutting, slashing, and eliminating.

Let's not fool anyone Mr. Speaker, H.R. 483 is one of the first threads with which to unravel the entire Medicare system. I have far too many senior citizens in my district who depend on Medicare and would be crippled by Republican cuts to the program to allow it to be treated as it has by the Speaker and his cronies.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on this conference report and reject the Republicans' attempts to balance the budget on the backs of seniors and then hand them the check when the bill comes due.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time and I move the previous question.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 180, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the conference report.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 350, nays 68, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 467]

YEAS—350

Ackerman	Edwards	Kolbe
Allard	Ehlers	LaHood
Andrews	Ehrlich	Lantos
Archer	Emerson	Largent
Armey	Engel	Latham
Bachus	English	LaTourette
Baesler	Ensign	Laughlin
Baker (CA)	Eshoo	Lazio
Baker (LA)	Everett	Leach
Baldacci	Farr	Levin
Ballenger	Fawell	Lewis (CA)
Barcia	Fazio	Lewis (KY)
Barr	Flake	Lightfoot
Barrett (NE)	Flanagan	Lincoln
Barrett (WI)	Foley	Linder
Bartlett	Forbes	Lipinski
Barton	Fowler	Livingston
Bass	Fox	LoBiondo
Bateman	Franks (CT)	Lofgren
Becerra	Franks (NJ)	Longley
Beilenson	Frelinghuysen	Lowe
Bentsen	Frist	Lucas
Bereuter	Funderburk	Luther
Berman	Furse	Maloney
Bevill	Ganske	Manzullo
Bilbray	Gedden	Martini
Bilirakis	Gekas	Mascara
Bishop	Gephardt	Matsui
Billey	Geren	McCarthy
Blute	Gilchrest	McCollum
Boehert	Gillmor	McCrery
Bonilla	Gilman	McDade
Bono	Goodlatte	McHale
Brewster	Gooding	McHugh
Browder	Gordon	McInnis
Brown (CA)	Goss	McIntosh
Brown (OH)	Graham	McKeon
Brownback	Green	McNulty
Bryant (TN)	Greenwood	Meehan
Bunn	Gunderson	Menendez
Bunning	Gutierrez	Metcalf
Burr	Gutknecht	Meyers
Burton	Hall (OH)	Mfume
Buyer	Hall (TX)	Mica
Callahan	Hamilton	Miller (FL)
Calvert	Hancock	Mineta
Camp	Hansen	Minge
Canady	Harman	Molinari
Cardin	Hastert	Mollohan
Castle	Hastings (WA)	Montgomery
Chabot	Hayes	Moorhead
Chambliss	Hayworth	Moran
Chapman	Hefley	Morella
Chenoweth	Hefner	Myers
Christensen	Heineman	Myrick
Chrysler	Herger	Neal
Clayton	Hillery	Nethercutt
Clinger	Hobson	Neumann
Coble	Hoekstra	Ney
Collins (GA)	Hoke	Nussle
Combest	Holden	Oberstar
Condit	Horn	Obe
Cooley	Hostettler	Ortiz
Costello	Houghton	Orton
Cox	Hoyer	Oxley
Cramer	Hunter	Packard
Crane	Hutchinson	Pallone
Crapo	Hyde	Parker
Creameans	Inglis	Pastor
Cubin	Istook	Paxon
Cunningham	Jackson-Lee	Payne (VA)
Danner	Jacobs	Peterson (FL)
Davis	Johnson (CT)	Peterson (MN)
de la Garza	Johnson (SD)	Petri
Deal	Johnson, E. B.	Pickett
DeLauro	Johnson, Sam	Pombo
DeLay	Johnston	Pomeroy
Deutsch	Jones	Porter
Diaz-Balart	Kaptur	Portman
Dickey	Kasich	Poshard
Dicks	Kelly	Pryce
Dixon	Kennedy (MA)	Quillen
Doggett	Kennelly	Quinn
Dooley	Kim	Radanovich
Doolittle	King	Rahall
Dornan	Kingston	Ramstad
Dreier	Klecza	Reed
Duncan	Klug	Regula
Dunn	Knollenberg	Richardson
Durbin		Riggs
		Rivers

Roberts	Shuster	Tiahrt
Roemer	Sisisky	Torkildsen
Rogers	Skeen	Trafficant
Rohrabacher	Skelton	Upton
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (MI)	Vento
Rose	Smith (NJ)	Volkmer
Roth	Smith (TX)	Vucanovich
Roukema	Smith (WA)	Waldholtz
Roybal-Allard	Solomon	Walker
Royce	Souder	Wamp
Sabo	Spence	Ward
Salmon	Spratt	Weldon (FL)
Sanford	Stearns	Weldon (PA)
Sawyer	Stockman	Weller
Saxton	Stump	White
Scarborough	Talent	Whitfield
Schaefer	Tanner	Wicker
Schiff	Tate	Wilson
Schumer	Tauzin	Wise
Scott	Taylor (MS)	Wolf
Seastrand	Taylor (NC)	Woolsey
Sensenbrenner	Tejeda	Wynn
Serrano	Thomas	Young (FL)
Shadegg	Thornberry	Zeliff
Shaw	Thornton	Zimmer
Shays	Thurman	

NAYS—68

Abercrombie	Hilliard	Rush
Bonior	Hinchey	Sanders
Borski	Jefferson	Schroeder
Brown (FL)	Kanjorski	Skaggs
Clay	Kennedy (RI)	Slaughter
Clyburn	Kildee	Stark
Coleman	Klink	Stokes
Collins (IL)	LaFalce	Studds
Collins (MI)	Lewis (GA)	Stupak
Conyers	Manton	Thompson
Coyne	Markey	Torres
DeFazio	Martinez	Torricelli
Dingell	McDermott	Towns
Evans	Meek	Tucker
Fattah	Miller (CA)	Velazquez
Fields (LA)	Mink	Visclosky
Filner	Murtha	Waters
Foglietta	Nadler	Watt (NC)
Ford	Olver	Waxman
Frank (MA)	Owens	Williams
Gibbons	Payne (NJ)	Wyden
Gonzalez	Pelosi	Yates
Hastings (FL)	Rangel	

NOT VOTING—16

Boehner	Fields (TX)	Stenholm
Boucher	Gallegly	Walsh
Bryant (TX)	McKinney	Watts (OK)
Clement	Moakley	Young (AK)
Coburn	Norwood	
Dellums	Reynolds	

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The Clerk announced the following pair:

On this vote:

Mr. Watts of Oklahoma for, with Mr. Dellums against.

Mr. MARTINEZ changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. KING, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. RIVERS, and Mrs. MALONEY changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1289

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1289.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.